

FISCAL NOTE

HB 268 - SB 533

February 28, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows nurse practitioners to write and sign prescriptions and issue drugs without a physician's supervision or signature. Also eliminates the provision for a temporary certificate of fitness and requires an initial certification fee as well as a biennial renewal fee as set by the board.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- There are currently 3,500 nurse practitioners that may qualify under the provisions of the bill. Current nurse practitioners have paid a \$200 initial certification fee.
- Most of the nurse practitioners will opt to participate under this program. Nurse practitioners will pay a \$75 biennial license fee to participate in the program. The \$75 fee is an estimate based upon the current license fee for registered nurses.
- Expenditures related to implementing the program and providing licensure are estimated to be not significant.

For information purposes, by statute health related boards are required to be self-sufficient and any surplus revenues are held in reserve.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director